the year and these canals are sufficient for the supply of water for cattle and further I understand that it is a sort of poramboke.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— I am told that but for the generosity of the people there is no possibility of the two canals being bunded up. If this is not done there will be no water.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is usually bunded up every year and if the people are not going to bund them up, Government will consider the feasibility of bunding them up themselves.

Road from Triprayar—Enamakkal road.

435. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether representations have been received for opening a road connecting the Triprayar—Enamakkal road with the Chennapilli ferry;

(b) what are the final orders passed by the Government on those representations?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes; in 1101, 1104, 1105 and 1106 and 1107.

(b) On the representations received in the years 1101 to 1105, orders were passed to construct the section of the road leading up to the Peringottukara Lower Secondary School. On the representations made in 1106 to extend the road to the Chennapilli ferry the petitioners were told that the extension could not be made at present. On the last representation received this year it was ordered that the question of extending the road to the ferry will be considered when funds permit.

Jetty arrangements.

436. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware.—

(a) (1) that for want of proper jetty arrangements great difficulties are often caused to passengers in the act of getting into and getting out of the ferry boats plying between Ernakulam and Cochin;

(2) that the above boats are often stuck up in shallow places causing great inconvenience to passengers;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend taking proper measures for remedying the grievances referred to in (a)?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) (1) Jetty arrangements for ferry boats are fairly satisfactory and there has been no complaint about them.

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(2) Yes. The shallow portion of the backwaters are mainly towards the approach to the ferry jetty at Ernakulam. To avoid the inconvenience the construction of a jetty where water is naturally deep is under the consideration of the Government.

(b) Vide answer above.

Petition–inhabitants of Kuttur, &c., Villages.

437. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the inhabitants of Kuttur, Choolisseri and Avanur villages in the Mulakunnathukavu constituency had petitioned the Government to have the Kottekat road branching off from the Trichur—Shoranur road at Viyyoor connected with the Trichur—Kunnamkulam road at Mundur;

(b) whether sanctioning this request a bridge and embankment in the cause way between Varadium and Kottekat have already been constructed in 1105;

(c) whether petitions were not received for completing this connection by connecting the terminus of the Panchayat road from Mundur to Varadium with this embankment on one side and by connecting the terminus of the Kottekat road with this embankment on the other side;

(d) were not these prayers granted and did not the Chief Engineer conduct the necessary survey and prepare an estimate for this;

(e) was not provision made for this work in the departmental budget for 1107;

(f) why was this important and partly finished work not included in the final budget for 1107;

(g) can this be undertaken from any saving effected in other works?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) No.

(f) Due to lack of funds.

(g) Not possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(g) Will the Government be pleased to provide for this at least in the next year's budget, this half-done work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It will be provided for if funds permit.

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